

No. 03-26-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of Allegheny County-owned land in Harrison Hills Park by Harrison Township as a leaf composting site.

Whereas Allegheny County is the owner of 468 acres of real property known as Harrison Hills Park (Allegheny County Real Estate Parcel 2021-G-86-0-2); and

Whereas The County, by and through its Department of Parks, is requesting permission to allow the Township of Harrison to continue to use a portion of Harrison Hills Park as a local leaf drop-off, processing, storage and pick-up site (hereinafter referred to as the "Site") pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988 ("Act 101 of July 1, 1988"); and

Whereas the Site has been approved for composting by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as per Authorization No. 797664/APS No. 696510; and

Whereas Harrison Township shall operate and monitor the Site in a manner consistent with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protections guidelines for leaf composting facilities. Activities include but are not limited to creating and turning of windrows, regularly checking compost temperatures and moisture levels, and permitting the Allegheny County Health Department to conduct routine inspections; and

Whereas Harrison Township agrees that Allegheny County may have the same rights and privileges as do participating municipalities affiliated with Harrison Township, at no cost to the County, with allowed activities including, but not limited to, deposit of loose leaves and pick-up of processed compost at the Site; and

Whereas County Council recognizes that the use of this property for the activities described herein will inure to the benefit of the citizens of Allegheny County; and

Whereas, Article IV, Section 2(k) of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter vests County Council with the power by ordinance to lease, convey, vacate or abandon, or permit the use of County land, buildings or other real or personal property.

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

SECTION 1. Incorporation of the Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated by reference as set forth in their entirety herein.

SECTION 2. Authorization to Approve the Use of Real Property.

- A. Allegheny County Council hereby approves the use of Allegheny County-owned land in Harrison Hills Park by Harrison Township as a leaf composting site.
- B. The effective dates of this authorization are January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. Upon mutual consent, this authorization may be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year term.
- C. The proper officers of the County are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the authorization granted by this legislation.

SECTION 3. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repealer.

Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Effective Date and Term of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance will enter into effect immediately upon its approval.

Enacted in Council, this 10th day of March, 2026.

Council Agenda No. 13861-26.



Patrick J. Catena
President of Council

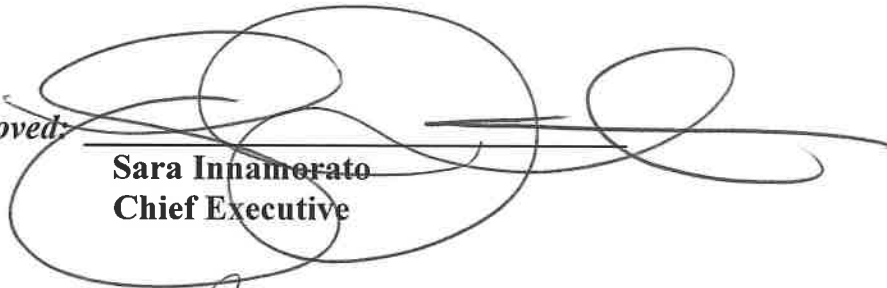
Attest:



Jared E. Barker
Allegheny County Council

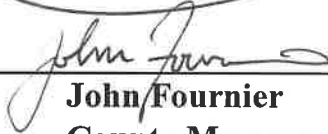
Chief Executive Office March 12, 2026

Approved:



Sara Innamerato
Chief Executive

Attest:



John Fournier
County Manager

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The attached legislation would permit the use of Allegheny County-owned land in Harrison Hills Park by Harrison Township as a leaf composting site. The effective date of this authorization is January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. Upon mutual consent, this authorization may be extended for one (1) additional two (2) year term. The appropriate County officers and officials would be authorized to take such action it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the authorization granted in the legislation.

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

TO: Jared Barker
Chief Clerk and Director of Legislative Services
Allegheny County Council

FROM: Ernest Rajakone
Deputy Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato

CC: John Fournier
County Manager

DATE: February 19, 2026

RE: **Harrison Hills Park - Leaf Composting**

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use of Allegheny County-owned land in Harrison Hills Park by Harrison Township as a leaf composting site.

The Allegheny County Law Department has reviewed the Ordinance prior to submission to the Council.

On behalf of Allegheny County Chief Executive Sara Innamorato, I am requesting this Ordinance be included on the agenda for introduction at the Regular Meeting of County Council on February 24, 2026.